

# Nuacht de h-Íde



## *The newsletter of Gaelscoil de h-Íde*

### *Samhradh 2013*





### *Focail ón bPriomh Oide*

**Another school year is drawing to a close and everybody is looking forward to the holidays. We have had another busy year with many highlights and I would like to thank the teachers and staff for their dedication and commitment throughout the year.**

**As we go to print we still have no update about the new school. The Dept. of Education & Science are working with Cork County Council are currently assessing suitable sites . They assure us that we will have our new school completed in time for September 2015. The slow process is very frustrating and the Bórd Bainistíochta are continuing to put pressure on at every opportunity. As always if anybody can be of any assistance contact me. If you happen to speak toa politician/councillor remind them of the pupils that should have had their new school by now and seek their help.**

**As always Cáirde de hIde have put in a huge effort again this year and I thank the officers and committee members for their efforts. We had a fantastic turnout for our annual fete and a big thank you to all who supported and to the very hardworking group of parents who organised the event. All members of the school community benefit. Once again the monies raised will go towards the school book rental scheme which is a major success. Please ensure that all books are returned in excellent condition. Funds raised will also be put to good use to provide resources for the school community.**

**Our new infant classes joined us for a few hours on Friday the 7th. 0f June and they seemed to enjoy their new surroundings. A few tears were also shed by the adults!**

**On Friday 21st. we say farewell to our Rang 6 and thank them for all their efforts over the years. They are well prepared for the challenges ahead and I wish them the very best as they now move to second level education.**

**Next year's staffing arrangement is not finalised yet. There will be staffing changes during the summer and the final list of teachers and classes will be decided then. There will be some changes but not alot.**

**I would like to thank our teaching staff, SNA's and ancillary members for their efforts during the year and hope they have a well earned break. A special word of thanks also for our excellent school warden Ger for ensuring that all get safely across the road.**

**I wish you all a safe holiday period and we look forward to seeing you all back on Wednesday the 28th. of August 2013.**

**Bainigí taitneamh as an Samhradh agus tóg bog é.**



Na Báicéirí!!

**School Re -opens on Wednesday 28th. August 2013.**





**Scór na bPáistí 2013**

**Lá Spóirt :** Sports day is a big event in the school calendar each year and it also depends on a good weather day.Thankfully we got a good day and classes (Rg.1-Rg.6)headed to St.Colman's Pitch early in the morning.Once the "serious"races were out of the way it was great to get to the fun races like egg and spoon,piggy back,obstacle,hurdles and many more.It wouldn't be sports day without the tug of war and the friendly soccer matches between classes.There was time out for lunch and to recharge the batteries and then back to fun and games.Medals were presented at the end of the day and all the pupils enjoyed their day.Buíochas Marian .



**Rang 6 sa Daingean.**





## County Champions

Gormfhlaith Ní Shíocháin /Bheóláin a bhuaigh Craobh an Chontae i Scór na bPáistí (Ceól Aonair) agus Aisling Ní Éalaithe a bhuaigh an Rás aonair faoi 13 ag Spórt na Cathrach i bPáirc Uí Chaoimh.



## Cork City Sports

On the 22nd of May pupils from NN Mhóra up to 6th class took part in the Cork City Sports. The boys ran in the morning and the girls ran later in the afternoon. There were many winners on the day in both individual races and relay races. Sorcha,Tiarnan and Aisling, having won their races qualified for the county semi final. Aisling then progressed to the County Final and came first in the race. She now holds the title of being the fastest female runner at primary level in Cork. This is a fantastic achievement. Many thanks to Marian, Martina and all the other helpers

**Turas scoile Rang 1 :** Chuamar go dtí an Mardyke. We played parachute games, raccaloons, dodgeball, hip hop dancing, bouncy castle games and lots more. It was great fun and we got lots of exercise. It will be great fun again next year and we are looking forward to it. *Rang 1 Irene.*

**Turas Scoile Rang 2** : On the 11th of June 2013 we went on our school tour. We left the school at 9 o'clock in the morning. We were going to the Mardyke Arena. I was so excited. I woke up at 6 o'clock and ate my breakfast! After getting on the bus we left for Cork. We took part in a lot of very fun activities. We did Olympic Handball, Obstacle Courses, Hip Hop Dancing and a lot of other games. Half way through our trip we had lunch. It was great because we were allowed to bring a treat with us. I had chocolate. We all had such a fantastic time. I wish that I could go back next year but we will be going somewhere different on our next school tour. It was the best school tour ever.

Written by,Tara, Bríd, Ruairí and Cormac.Rang 2 Lauren



We went to the Mardyke Arena in Cork for our school tour. We went by bus.It took forever to get there but it was worth it.There were 8 different groups doing different activities.First we did an obstacle course then we did a bean –bag game.. We had to match pictures and that was fun.We did Olympic Handball and that game ended in a draw.We did rock climbing and some people didn't do it because it was really high.We did Zumba which means dancing and we made up a new dance.After that we went back into the hall and said thanks to the coaches.Then we went back to the bus.On the way home everybody went CRAZY singing songs. It was a really fun day!
Sorcha Ní Chrualaoich agus Aoise Ní Cheallacháin

**County Final In Ovens:** On the 24th of March 2013 pupils from Gaelscoil took part in Scór na bPáistí in Ovens. We faced stiff competition from all over the county. One of our pupils Gormfhlaith succeeded in beating the rest in her category. She played a blinder on her feadóg stáin. Well done to all the pupils in Rg 6 who reached the county final and to múinteoirí Irene,Órla & Aoife.
***Séamus agus Cathal***

## Edmonds Confirmation

On the 28th of April Edmond Roche went to Rome to receive his Confirmation from Pope Francis 1st. He travelled with his family and his uncle who was also his sponsor. Recently we asked Edmond questions about his trip to Rome.
Q. So Edmond how did you feel when you got picked to go to Rome?
A. I couldn't believe it, I was so overwhelmed with excitement.
Q.What did you do on Saturday?
A. Well on Saturday we went to the Vatican for a practice and afterwards we went into the Basilica for a tour.
Q.How did you feel when you got your confirmation by the Pope?
A.I couldn't believe it, it was a once in a lifetime opportunity and experience.
Q.What did you do after the confirmation itself?
A.We went into one of the Pope's palaces for a champagne reception.
Q.Did you visit any other historical places in Rome?
A.Yes, we saw the Colloseum, the Trevi fountain and many more places.
*I'd like to give a special thanks to all of Fermoy parish for their support and I'd also like to thank Fr.P.J.O'Driscoll,Fr.Aquin Casey,Fr.Damien Lynch and Bishop William Crean for creating this wonderful experience for me.*
*Déanta ag Edmond, Aaron, Seán óg agus Seán Gothard.*





## Turas Scoile Rg. 3 agus Rg. 4

Now, I'm not going to tell you what order we did everything in, because on the day, I think we were all just having so much fun that everyone lost track. The day started like tours always do, everyone was supposed to go to their classrooms, but the few people who were actually there when I arrived just waited around outside until I opened the gate, which had been open the whole time, and everyone poured in. I think there must have been a brief talk by a few teachers, but not ours. We just rocketed down those stairs like there was no tomorrow and onto the bus to get the back seats. My friend and I always tell each other that we'll definitely get the back seats this year, but once again, we were disappointed. "Here we go" I thought to myself, and then I stepped onto the bus. There was a lot of shuffling past people and pushing and shoving. Eventually, we got a seat somewhere in the middle, like every year. My friend got the window seat. The journey there was mainly us chatting and laughing, but I don't think either of us actually knew what the other was saying, because the other class were making such a cacophony. They sang the whole way there, and when we finally got there, they all started cheering. The bus stopped and we all pushed and shoved and shuffled off the bus and into two straight lines behind two cones. The staff went on for a bit about something or other, and then showed us to our locker area. We all left our bags there and almost tripped over ourselves running towards the enormous expanse of astroturf. Now I'm just going to list the games we did. The zorbee ball roll, (our teacher went in a zorbee ball too!!) the super slide, the wrecking ball, the bouncy obstacle course, and the human table football. Then, outside, there were the KMX karts, lacrosse, the fling socks, and the flikkers. Somewhere in all of that, we had time for two lunches, one of which we ate in the spectator area on the pitch. I think we were all very disappointed to leave, but in the exciting knowledge that next year, it's Kerry! I think I speak for everyone on the tour when I say that I had a great time.
DONAL O NUANAIN, RG. 4

## Euro Eddie Blitz

The annual Euro Eddie Soccer Blitz was held in Fermoy soccer pitch on Friday 14th June .Boys and girls from senior classes competed in this tournament.The boys played well but exited the competition after their second game,however ,once again our cailíní went on to win the competition.Comhghairdeas libh.Buíochas to Tomás and Siobhán who accompanied them on the day.

Weather conditions were perfect for **Nn.Mhóra** when they set off for **Fota Wildlife** Park for their school tour. There was great excitement as they settled down on the bus and parents waved goodbye. With so many animals to see, every child had their favourite but definitely a highlight was the cheetah run.Other "cute" animals included the monkeys and the giraffe!!! An ideal location to have a picnic and after that it was time to go on the train for a tour around the park .A great day was had by all and no doubt children slept soundly that night.



**Before**



**After**

On Monday 17th. Of June Mother and daughter (Gemma and Áine) had both their heads shaved by Tricia for the charity Locks of Love. The hair will now be sent to America where it will be used for the creation of wigs for people who need to avail of them for various reasons. Their audience which included Rang 3,5,6 , teachers and parents were in awe of the proceedings. Pupils brought in €2 each and this money will be forwarded to the breast clinic in Cork University Hospital. Maith sibh a chailíní.

**Attendance Record-Recognition must be given to a 6th class pupil for his 100% attendance throughout his 8 years in school. Séamus Ó Maoláin Ó Catháin has not missed a single day since he started school 8 years ago.We have had a few harsh winters with plenty of snow but Séamus made the journey from Araglen each morningComhghairdeas leat Séamus and of course mile buíochas to your parents for being so dedicated. A special presentation was made to Séamus on his final day at school.**

On Thursday we went to Monkey Maze in Glanmire on the bus. We sang lots of songs all of the way there. The driver was delighted with us! When we got there a man called Mark told us all of the rules. After that he gave us tags to wear in case anyone tried to leave the area that they were supposed to be in. It was then that the fun began. We went down enormous slides and we dived into balls. I really enjoyed eating my lunch with my friends. We sang all the way home. It really was a wonderful school tour.

The **end of year swimming gala** was a great success once again. Pupils from Rg.2 up to Rg .6 competed in frontcrawl and thoroughly enjoyed the event. All competitors stood on the podium and Sean presented them with their medals.Go raibh mile maith agaibh to the mums who helped out ;Karina,Blaithín and Anne Marie and also to Marian for organising the medals. Comhghairdeas to all the pupils who took part in the Credit Union Schools' Gala on the day of the Easter Holidays.Gaelscoil de hÍde won best overall in their division.

**Munsters :** Uniforms in pristine condition and white socks dazzling it was that time again for the Munsters .A large group of pupils from Rg.2 to Rg.6 boarded a convoy of buses and headed for Limerick.Maureen had the dances perfected with the children and it was time to showcase the talent.It was a very busy day for everybody ,with so many dances to be danced and ensuring that numbers were correct and visible for each dance.Overall, we arrived home with a large array of trophies and medals and considering that the pupils had just danced their socks off on one of the hottest days of the year(so far)they did brilliantly.Comhghairdeas libh páistí and buíochas le gach duine a thaisteal agus a chabhraigh leis na páistí ag an bhfeis rince.
A special mention for 2 of our pupils who qualified for the World Championships in Irish dancing(Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne)which was held in Chicago during the Easter Holidays.Niamh de Róiste and Séamus Ó Muireasáin both participated in this championship and thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience.Séamus finished in 10th place and both pupils must be commended for their dedication,hours of hard work and practise which brought them to this level .Comhghairdeas libh.

**Cómhneartú / Confirmation :** On the 23rd of April 2013 sixth class received the sacrament of Confirmation. It was held in St. Patricks Church Fermoy. Bishop William Crean confirmed us and we were all happy that he could come. Grange, Bishop Murphy's Memorial School, Presentation and Clondulane National School joined us on our special day. We all put a lot of work into the preparations. Sister Nuala couldn't be there on the day because she was having her hip operated on. We all send our best wishes. Siobhán Cremin from Grange stepped in and did a great job. It was a really sunny day and everyone had a great time. The Youth Centre had refreshments after the ceremony. Thanks to Martina De Róiste for helping us prepare, to Bishop Crean for confirming us, to Siobhán Cremin for helping us with our singing and all the people who made this holy day unforgettable. We would also like to thank our sponsors and parents.

## Our School Tour

This year we went to Kerry for our school tour. We had been looking forward to it for a long time. We left Fermoy early in the morning, we sang on the bus and the bus driver joined in too. When we got to Dingle, we went for something to eat because we were very hungry. Then we got time to shop for souvenirs and gifts to bring home. We visited Oceanworld, the highlight for me there were the sharks and penguins. We went to the climbing wall and there were different levels of difficulty. That was good fun, but not if you are afraid of heights. We went to the house and met our "bean an tí", Áine. She had a lovely meal ready for us and was very kind and spoke "as Gaeilge" to us. We all dressed up for the céilí and it took the girls a long time to get ready, but that's a girl thing! We had great fun dancing and we learned new dances. It was late when we got to bed. The next day we went to Waterworld in Castlegregory. We put on wetsuits and lifejackets. The bodyboarding was brilliant and the waves were very strong. There was also kayaking and a water trampoline. After all that, we went for lunch and then we went back to Dingle where we bought expensive but delicious ice cream and did some more shopping. Then we went back to our house for dinner and afterwards got ready for the céilí. We had a great time singing and dancing. It was my favourite school tour and I am really looking forward to returning when I am in Rang 6.
Fionán Rang 5.



Our riders have amalgamated with riders from Glanworth, Ballindangan, Rathcormac schools to participate in the inter schools primary show jumping competition at the Cork Summer Show on Friday 14th June . This consists of a course of 60-70 cm fences to be followed by a speed round over the course. Clíodhna de Brún rides her pony Samuri and Cathal de Brún rides Bailey.

On the 13/5/2013 6th class went to UCC. As the bus stopped outside the University, we crossed the road and made our way to the visitors centre. We then put on robes. We were looking like characters from Harry Potter at this point. As we made our way across campus, we encountered a couple of giggles. At the end we each received a certificate. ***Séamus***

**Lá Spóirt naíonáin :**The infant classes were lucky to get suitable weather for their sports day.They spent the morning in the Coláiste an Craoibhin sports field.It was straight down to business with the class races,buachaillí agus cailíní, and after that the children and múinteoirí enjoyed the novelty races.Taking time out for lón it was back to fun and games again.Although there were winners on the day,each child was presented with a medal for participation so nobody went home empty handed.

**School Fete:** This year the Fete took place on the 9th of June 2013.
It was a great success ! Sixth class pupils had stalls. There was sponge toss , sweet stalls ,bracelets stalls and much more. It was organised by Cáirde de hÍde. We were delighted with the amount of money we raised for the school and also very proud of all the work we put in to making the items on every stall.
Déanta ag Lisa Nic Seóin , Shanon Ní Chrualaoich, Liadh Ní Chearbhaill, Joshua O Caoimh agus Seán Ó Conaill.





### Cáirde de hÍde.

As the school year draws to a close, Cáirde de hÍde would like to thank the pupils, their families and teaching/ancillary staff for their help and co-operation over the past 10 months. Thank you Ger for getting us safely to and from school each day.
Cáirde de hÍde organise and help support a number of different events each year. This term we helped 3rd and 5th classes provide light refreshments after the Communion and Confirmation ceremonies to the recipients and their families. The highlight of our fundraising calendar each year is our School Fete. This year the sun shone brightly on us as we set up the various stalls both inside in the school and outside in the yard. New attractions this year included the Lucky Mug Stall and Pottery. Some girls from 3rd. class set up a lovely stall called "Cakes and Makes". The McGrath Condon School of Cookery impressed us with their baking skills. The 6th class showed off their entrepreneurial skills and their various talents and raised over €400 for Cáirde de hÍde. Oliver Fitzgerald very kindly brought his owls in and allowed people to get their photographs taken with them.
The winners of the Raffle were:
Eoin and Cian Condon (Dublin City break donated by Dublin University Accommodation)
Órla Carberry (Hennessy Cycles voucher)
Prizes for the Colouring Competition were sponsored by Faber Castell and the winners of those were:

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| NNI – Sinéad Ní Chairbre | NNII – Orla Ní Fhaoileáin |
| Rang 1 – Mia Muiris Ní Cheallaig | Rang 2 – Izzy de Báth |
| Rang 3 – Trinity Ní Ruairc | Rang 4 – Sinéad Ní Mhurchú |
| Rang 5 – Shannon Ní Dhuibhir | Rang 6 – Ellena Ní Chaoimh |

Thank you to everyone who donated goods and goodies, those who gave up their time to help out over the weekend and those who came along on the day.
We plan to carry on the Uniform Recycling for another year at least. There are still some items available for sale in various sizes. We will continue to accept donations of very good quality items of uniform that your child has outgrown. Please do not donate items that are worn, torn or dirty. Items may be left in basket outside Vinnys office. Text Marie @ 086 3896708 with any uniform queries.

€15 for crested school jacket
€5 for crested jumper/tracksuit top or tracksuit legs
€3 for new crested polo shirts
€2 for trousers, skirts, pinafores and new shirts/blouses
€1 for other shirts and polo-shirts (crested/non-crested)

Limited no. of these items still available

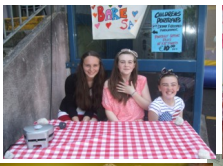




## Bóithrín na smaointe ó Rg 6



**Families leaving Gaelscoil de h-Íde: A special word of thanks to the following families who have finished with their primary education in Gaelscoil de h-Íde. We appreciate the commitment and support given in the last 8yrs.**
**Croidheáin (Jake & Jessica), Ní Ghadhra (Lisa), Ní Mheara (Caoilin), Ní Óda (Caitlin), Rothwell (Gráinne), Ní Threasaigh/Philpott Bri-Áine, Ní Óda (Tamzyn), Géibheannaigh/De Róiste (Eamon), Ó Dubhshláine/Caoimh (Joshua), Ó Muircheartaigh (Cian).**









Orienteering : On the 9th of May, 6th class went to Corrin Hill to go Orienteering. Our parents carpooled to bring us there. When we arrived, at 9.50am, each pair was given a map of Corrin and a stamp card. We were shown how to use our maps and cards properly. The objective was to get around the 4.7km course with your partner as quickly as you could. There were fourteen different stops along the way. At each one there was a different stamp to stamp on your stamp card to show that you had been to each stop. The groups set off at one minute intervals. The time you left at and the time you returned at was recorded on your stamp card. We all thoroughly enjoyed the day, even when we got lost, wet or muddy. Thank you to our múinteoir for giving us the opportunity, to Seán Cotter who prepared the course and to Emma (máthair Chlár) who was there to provide first-aid if necessary. Caoilin, Aisling, Codi.

### Cúpla Focal ó Rang 6.

Liadh: Is scoil iontach í agus tá an-bhrón orm an scoil a fhágaint
Ellena: Tá an-bhrón orm a bheith ag fágaint na scoile, mo chairde agus na muinteoirí go léir
Grace: Bhain mé an-taitneamh as m'ocht mbliana sa scoil agus braithfidh mé uaim gach duine
Aoife: Bhí am iontach agam sa scoil seo agus braithfidh mé uaim mo chairde agus na múinteoirí go léir sa scoil
Maeve: Bhain mé an-taitneamh as m'am sa scoil agus braithfidh mé uaim mo chairde go léir
Lisa G: Bhain mé an-taitneamh as mo sheacht mbliana sa scoil seo
Shannon Nic C: Go raibh maith agat go dtí Seán Mac Gearailt agus Martina de Róiste i gcomhair na rudaí a fuair mé
Aisling: Tá brón orm mo chairde a fhágaint
Eibhlís Ní S: Tá brón orm an scoil a fhágaint
Caitlin: Beidh mé ag fágaint Gaelscoil de hÍde agus na múinteoirí. Seo an bhliain is fearr a bhí agam sa scoil
Jessica: Go raibh maith agat go dtí na múinteoirí a thug cabhair dom sa scoil seo
Tamzyn: Go raibh maith agat dos na múinteoirí go léir sa scoil
Breeann: Bhain mé an-taitneamh as an scoil seo agus rinne mé alán cairde
Kaylee: Bhain mé ana-thaitneamh as na seacht mbliana sa scoil seo agus ní dhéanfaidh mé dearmad ar na cairde dhéan mé!
Shannon Ní C: An scoil is fearr riamh i mo thuairim agus ní dhéanfaidh mé dearmad ar mo chairde
Clár: Cuimhneoidh mé ar an scoil seo go deo!
Caoilin: Turas fada a bhí ann ach bhain mé an-taitneamh as gach nóiméad de!
Gormfhlaith: Táim an-bhrónach bheith ag fágaint – bhí am iontach agam anseo. Go raibh maith agat
Cathal: Ba é an turas go dtí Ciarraí an turas scoile ab fhearr liom
Edmond: Bhí an bhliain seo an-taitneamhnach agus beidh díomá orm an scoil seo a fhágaint
Codi: Beidh díomá orm ag fágaint na scoile
Liam: Rinne mé alán cairde anseo agus cabhróidh an Ghaeilge a d'fhoghlaim mé anseo liom sa mheánscoil
Joshua: Bhí an-chraic agam sa scoil seo
Jake: Tá gach múinteoir sa scoil seo ana dheas
Adam: Rith mé i Spórt na Cathrach gach bliain!
Seámus Ó Muir: Bhí bliain iontach agam
Cian: Bhí an bhliain an-mhaith
Aaron: Seo an bhliain is fearr a bhí agam
Seán Óg: Ta an scoil seo an-mhaith agus tá mé ana bhrónach a bheith ag fágaint
Séamus O M O C: Slán!
Seán G: Seo an bhliain is fearr a bhí agam sa scoil. Tá brón orm ag fágaint, míle buíochas!
Seán O C: Bhí an sport agam







**2005**



**2013**



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